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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1  
TAGS: SREF, UK  
SUBJECT: INDOCHINESE REFUGEES

REF: STATE 43059

1. PENDING AN OPPORTUNITY TO FOLLOW UP ON THE DERIAN CONVERSATION WITH LUARD, EMBOFF RAISED THE ISSUE IN A CONVERSATION FEBRUARY 22 WITH SIMONS, HEAD OF FCO SOUTHEAST ASIA DEPT. SIMONS COMMENTED THAT ACCORDING TO THE BRITISH HOME OFFICE, THERE HAS BEEN NO GREAT PRESSURE FROM VIETNAMESE SEEKING PERMANENT ENTRY INTO THE UK, NO DOUBT PARTLY FOR CLIMATIC REASONS. THEREFORE, AFTER THE UK INITIALLY UNDERTOOK TO ADMIT 116 "BOAT PEOPLE", IT TOOK SOME TIME TO FILL UP THIS NUMBER. NOW, HOWEVER, THIS NUMBER HAS BEEN OVERSHOT, AND IN ALL 173 "BOAT PEOPLE" HAVE BEEN ADMITTED TO THE UK. THIS IS BECAUSE THE HOME OFFICE HAS TAKEN THE POSITION THAT IF BOAT PEOPLE ARE PICKED UP BY A UNITED KINGDOM-REGISTERED SHIP AND THE UNHCR IS UNABLE TO PLACE THEM ELSEWHERE, THEY WILL BE ADMITTED INTO THE UK. THIS HMG POSITION IS HOWEVER, CLASSIFIED, AND SIMONS STRESSED THAT HMG DOES NOT REPEAT NOT WISH USG TO DIVULGE IT. HE ADDED THAT SINCE APRIL 1975 THE UK HAD ADMITTED FOR PERMANENT RESIDENCE A TOTAL OF 695 INDOCHINESE REFUGEES OF ALL

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2. COMMENT: AS LUARD NOTED, THESE UK DECISIONS MUST BE TAKEN AGAINST A BACKGROUND OF CURRENTLY INTENSE DOMESTIC BRITISH POLITICAL CONTROVERSY OVER ADMISSION OF ASIAN IMMIGRANTS INTO THE UK.

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